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TITLE OF INVENTION: ADJUSTABLE AREOLA AND NIPPLE PROSTHESIS

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James P. Krueger on 3/12/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 35, line 4 - natural looking - has been inserted after "rounded"

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUZETTE J. GHERBI whose telephone number is (571)272-4751. The examiner can normally be reached on Maxi-flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott can be reached on 571-272-4754. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Suzette J Gherbi/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3738 12 March 2009